

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (New): A fibrous structure comprising:

at least one layer of randomly distributed continuous strands; and

at least one reinforcing fabric layer, the layers of the structure being linked together by a mechanical mechanism or a chemical mechanism.

Claim 28 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 200 to 700 g/m².

Claim 29 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 28, wherein the continuous strand layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 350 to 550 g/m².

Claim 30 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer comprises chopped strands.

Claim 31 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 30, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 100 to 600 g/m².

Claim 32 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 31, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 200 to 400 g/m².

Claim 33 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 30, wherein the chopped strands have a length ranging from 1 to 15 cm.

Claim 34 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, further comprising:
a second reinforcing fabric layer, located on another side of the continuous strand layer from the first reinforcing fabric layer.

Claim 35 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 34, further comprising:
at least one fleece forming at least one of two external faces of the structure.

Claim 36 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 35, wherein the at least one fleece has a mass per unit area ranging from 10 to 60 g/m².

Claim 37 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 36, wherein the at least one fleece has a mass per unit area ranging from 20 to 40 g/m².

Claim 38 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein non-fleece fabric layers are bound together by stitching.

Claim 39 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein non-fleece fabric layers are bound together by needle punching.

Claim 40 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein loops of the continuous strand layer are bound together by a binder.

Claim 41 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the fabric layers are bound together pairwise by a binder.

Claim 42 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer includes notches for increasing its deformability.

Claim 43 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches have a length ranging from 0.01 to 0.35 times a width of the continuous strand layer.

Claim 44 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 43, wherein a direction of the notches is that of a width of the structure.

Claim 45 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches have a length ranging from 0.5 to 30 cm.

Claim 46 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches are present in an amount from 30 to 200 notches per m^2 of the continuous strand layer.

Claim 47 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer is made of glass.

Claim 48 (New): The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer is made of glass.

Claim 49 (New): A composite having a structure of claim 27.

Claim 50 (New): A process for continuous production of a fibrous structure including at least one layer of randomly distributed continuous strands and two reinforcing fabric layers, the continuous strand layer being placed between the two reinforcing fabric layers, the process comprising:

producing a first chopped strand layer by depositing chopped strands on a moving belt; then

producing the continuous strand layer on the first chopped strand layer, by producing loops; and then

producing a second chopped strand layer by depositing chopped strands on the continuous strand layer,

the fabric layers of the structure then being linked together by at least one binder and/or at least one mechanical mechanism.

Claim 51 (New): A process for batch production of a fibrous structure including at least one layer of randomly distributed continuous strands and two reinforcing fabric layers, the continuous strand layer being placed between the two reinforcing fabric layers, the process comprising:

producing a first chopped strand layer by depositing chopped strands on a moving belt or by unwinding a roll of chopped strand mat; then

producing the continuous strand layer on top of the first chopped strand layer by producing loops or by unwinding the continuous strand layer in a form of a mat from a roll, continuously as the belt continues to run; and then

producing a second chopped strand layer on the continuous strand layer by depositing chopped strands or by unwinding the roll of chopped strand mat, the producing the second chopped strand layer being carried out continuously as the belt continues to run, the fabric layers of the structure then being linked together by at least one binder and/or at least one mechanical mechanism.

Claim 52 (New): The process as claimed in claim 51, wherein the continuous strand layer is unwound in a form of a mat from a roll and includes notches.